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[ ] submission of the enclosed English-language version of a foreign Search Report and/or foreign Office Action.

[ X ] the enclosed English language abstract( AL, AL2, AN2, AO).

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[ ] A copy of each above-cited application, including the current claims, is enclosed.  
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The Examiner is requested to return a copy of the above list of pending applications indicating which references were considered with the next office communication.

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Reference AP (G 89 05 588.8) appears to disclose an x-ray imaging device.  
 (See Figs.1-3). Consideration of this reference is requested.

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